

should be mailed to reach THE DISPATCH not later than Saturday morning. Reasonable space will be freely given to all organizations classified under this heading.

AMOTHER NEW SOCIETY.

The Order of Azor, Which Has Just Been Organized in Pittaburg.

The Order of Azor is a new fraternal and beneficial organization, with Pittsburg as the place of its birth. The charter of incorporaion was granted by the Court of Allegheny county December 9. The order is founded on the same general plan as the order of the front Hall, Tonti, Solon, A. O. U. W., Royal Arcanum and Improved Order of Herrasophs. The constitution provides for two classes of certificates: First, endowment class: second, death thruefit class. In the endowment class the certificates are issued for \$500 each, payable during the Med of the member after five years of concates are issued for \$500 each, payable during wife of the member after five years of con-mors membership. The death benefit class as from \$500 to \$2,500 upon the death of the mber in the same manner as the Royal cancer and Improved Order of Reptasophs. the intention of the order to belonging to the second class at

The following well-known professional and business men constitute the officers and business for the National Department: National President, Frank S. Haslage, M. William Huslage & Son, Pittsburg; National President, Frank S. Haslage, M. William Huslage & Son, Pittsburg; National First Vice President, George W. Snaman, Jr., Allechent, John J. Davis, Allegheny; National Secretary, W. A. Hoobler, Pittsburg; National Treasurer, Otto E. Heliuman, Allecheny; National Treasurer, Otto E. Heliuman, Allecheny; National Medical Examiner, R. E. Warner, M. D., Pittsburg; National Marshal, Zaptais R. W. A. Simmons; National Marshal, ay: National Marshal, the Marshal, ough, Persion Agent; R. R. F. Foulk, J. X. onley, J. H. Penski, J. P. McTighe, special filter; Thomas E. Clark, A. W. Borge, F. Howard Fife, F. B. Dill, Lewis Holden and E. Hungerford, Columbus, O., Past State Joungiller of Ohio, Jr., O. U. A. M.

ical derivation, and The word Ager is of Biblical derivation, and come "he who helps," or "one who assists and assisted." Therefore the Order of Ager is a means he win helps, or one wino assists and assisted." Therefore the Order of Azor is a co-operative beneficial order. Each member can take out at the time of initiation from one to five certificates, or apply for and receive additional certificates from time to time, provided that the number of certificates never excess five held by the member at any one time. The sick and accident disability benefits are cumulative; that is to say, any undrawn balance still stands to the credit of the member for future use when needed. All sick and accident disability benefits are deducted at the maturity of the certificats, together with 6 per cent interest. A funeral benefit of 550 is allowed for husband or wife. Upon death of a member prior to the date of the maturity of the certificate it may be prorated in proportion to the time in force, or the beneficiary may carry it to maturity in the same manner as the member would have the same manner as the member would have done had death not occurred. Both sexes between the ages of 16 and 65 years are admitted on equal terms. No assessments will be levied at any time on the first year of membership. The first local bureau will be institut dearly in January. The success of the order is assured, as there are already about 200 names on the charter list.

Jr. O. U. A. M.

State Secretary Deemer has la grippe. The Ohio Councils have formed a State aneral Benefit Association. The State Councilor has issued a valuable cir-Many of the Councils meeting on New Wear's

light will postpone their meetings until Janu-Leonard Wales city organist of Allegheny

been proposed for membership in Reliable

The First Regiment, U. A. M., will hold its irst reception at the Grand Central Rink on Caursday, February 5. American Hall will be dedicated on Tuesday

evening. A rich programme has been prepared by Pride of the West Council. There are at least four disappointed aspirants or positions of honor this morning. Well, all onld not be Division Marshals.

Martha Washington Council No. 528, on will hold a benefit at the Park eater during the week of January 12. Iowa is the last State to be entered. A coun il was instituted at Clinton last week. The On and after Friday, January 2, Reliable Hall, corner of Ohio and West Diamond streets,

A union meeting of the Council of Beaver county will be held on Friday even ag, Jan-nary 16. The State Board of Officers will be

The headquarters for the chief marshal has sen located at The American office, where trother Morley desires communications in-ended for him to be addressed. Loyal Grange Lodge of the Kyvstone district

ing a great effect to fill Carnegie Hall for ture of the Rev. William Best on "Will-d Washington," on January 8.

Joseph S. Reynolds, State Councilor of Hilbots, is to be married in Feb mary. It is to be keeped the wedding will not interfere with his prospective trip to Pittsburg for the parade. The meeting of representatives in Willow-tale Hall, Fourth avenue, last night, for the surpose of organizing an association to further date Harl Fourth avenue, are to purpose of enganizing an association to further the work of the order, was largely attended, and the topications are the new organization

Acme Council announces a mysterious affair Thursday evening January 8. The State unclier will be present and the "disturb-ce" will begin immediately after the installaare in store for the members and

it seems almost impossible to raise the reat seems almost impossible to raise the re-nainder of the money increasary to complete the monument fund. Why this should be is lard to tell. The Monumental Committee raised \$5,000. Why cannot the councils make up the other \$2,000? It would be an easy task if the plan surprested—that of giving 10 or 15 bents a member—were adopted.

T. J. Moriey, Chief Marshal of the annual parade, announced the following staff officers yesterday: Adjutant General, Geo. R. Beecher, of J. C. Chaplin Ceuncil, No. 365; Assistant Adjutant General, G. E. Kepple, of Acme. No. 219; Chief of Staff, John Gripp, Pittsburg, No. 117; color bearers, Ed. G., Merriman, Manchester, No. 124 and John Force, Hill Top, No. 88.

The Heptasophs.

The Supreme Conclave, will hold its next ses-sion in New York, beginning Tuesday, April 28. The inspection of all subordinate conclaves and the installation of officers will take place in January.

blood has been recognized, to the manifest benefit of some conclaves.

In the election of officers considerable new

Maryland Conclave No. I, of Baltimore, being composed entirely of business and professional men, has changed its time of meeting from evenueg to 11 M. The plan is new, but is working well so far.

Zeta Conclave No. 6 is monthly gaining on

The prospects for the coming year are excel-ient. In 1990 only il assessments were called. An effort will be made to reduce the coming The Supreme Archon will attend a meeting of Supreme Representative District No. 12 composing the conclaves of the Wyoming Valer at Serenton Januare & Several Concluyes which had been doing sothing for some time, received new members in December. This may be regarded as a sort of preliminary work for 1891.

Pittsburg Conclave No. 89 in its membership. The former is the largest and will likely hold this honor for some time to come. In 1890 it in-

McKee's Rocks Conclave has an open instal-lation January 20. The Supreme Archon has been requested to send some one down to ex-plain "the laws, and the objects and purposes of the order," The Deputy will no doubt fill the bill to the satisfaction of all.

A. O. K. of M. C.

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Union Castle, No. 110, A. O. K. of the M. C.
has elected the following officers for the ensuing term: S. K. C., Richard Pickering; S. K.
V. C., H. C. Dunham; S. K. F. L., Joseph Pickering; A. R. S., H. W. Renouf; C. of S., G. W.
Garrard; A. C. of S., J. C. Lightcap; Chaplain,
R. M. Humphreys; I. G., J. M. Harmon; O. G.,
C. E. Dunham; Trustees, J.C. Lightcap and W.
and O. F. S. Dawkins. D. D. S. C. McCane
has grauted a dispensation to the castle to
dispense with the next regular meeting
on account of it being New Years day.
A commundery of the uniformed rank will
shortly be organized by the members of this
castle, about 30 names having been already received.

General Lodge Notes.

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District Grand Chief Louis Smith, Jr., will publicly install the officers of Acme Castle No. 552, K. G. E., Saturday evening, January 3, in St. Clair Hall, head of Twenty-second street incline, Southside. He has appointed the following officers to preside: G. P. C., J. M. Bair; G. C., Leuis Smith, Jr.; G. V. C., W. C. Ammon; G. H. P., H. S. Ayers; G. K. of E., W. E. Macfarlane; G. M. of R., John Sherman; G. S. H., E. Evans; G. F. G., W. T. Waite, and G. S. G., J. A. Johnson. An entertainment will also be given in connection with the installation and a good time is assured.

On Monday evening, December 22, Washing.

On Monday evening, December 22, Washington Camp No. 520, P. O. S. of A., initiated nine candidates, and elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing term: President, R. D. Hayden; Vice President, H. C. Shannon; M. of F. and C., G. W. Printer; Conductor, I. N. Bumbaugh; Recording Secretary, E. J. Johns; Financial Secretary, J. E. Snyder; Treasurer, W. D. Jones; Inner Guard, M. J. Lawton; Outer Guard, I. A. Sterne.

Allegheny Council No. 228, National Union, ounty December 2. The order is founded on has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, George A. Drake; Violent, W. L. Kartlick; Ex-Pretident, H. A. Buehner; Corresponding Secretary, A. Gardiner: Financial Secretary, William Spangenberg; Treasurer, J. H. McChesney; Trustees, W. H. Keck, M. D., H. Thompson and R. Shearer. The council will give its fourth annual entertainment at its hall, on West Diamond street, Allegheny, New Year's Eve, and cordially invites all friends to attend.

IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT.

A Method of Getting Even That is Going Out of Fashion at Chicago.

Chicago Globe.] That impecunious debtors are incar cerated in the jail and held there for long periods of time, is well known to the average citizen, and it is a popular belief that, once in jail for debt, a man can be kept there—if unable to pay up—until he is gray

whiskered and bald headed.

Jailer Price, when questioned on the subject, laughed loud and long. "Debtors," said he, "are now about as scarce in this jail as white blackbirds. Formerly, a creditor could cage his debtor and keep him in prison until he either paid up or the creditor grew weary of paying the captive's board. Men were thus kept, sometimes, for years. About two years ago the law was changed so that a debtor cannot be confined more than six months. The result is that debtors aren't brought in very often. It is too expensive and unsatisfactory a way of getting even with them. There is only one man confined here now under the deb laws, and I don't think he objects much."

The solitary prisoner proved to be Gustavus Loehr, who, on a judgment of \$322 09, has been imprisoned since September 27.

Mr. Loehr, who is a good looking and gen-tlemanly young German, is the picture of health and happiness.

"I don't regard my imprisonment as a very serious misfortune," he said. "I re-fused to pay what I regarded as blackmail and am caged here in consequence."

A QUAIL IN THE METROPOLIS.

It is Captured in a Law Office Overlooking the Churchyard of Trinity. New York Times.]

The most indefatigable quail hunter never to me, and I will not sell it.' Pride of bagged a bird under such circumstances as those in which one was taken not long ago many people, while others refuse rare offers on account of family associations, one member of the propriet of the city. Mr. Delos McCurdy, of the firm of Vanderpoel, Cum'ng and Goodwin, sat writing one after-noon at his desk in a room on the sixth floor of the United Bank Building, and was disturbed by a gentle tapping at the pane of a window overlooking Trinity Churchyard. In a hasty glance he saw what appeared to be a flash of a bird's wing. Then, peering cautiously, he saw a full-grown quail perched upon the ledge and looking curiously down on the Broadway crowd

Concealing himself at the side of the window, he carefully and noiselessly lifted the sash a few inches. Presently the bird looked round, and seeing the opening under the sash trotted promptly into the room. The way it whirred around the room when it discovered Mr. McCurdy showed conclusivel that it was both wild and uninjured. After the lawyer had succeeded in capturing the bird, which was a hen, he placed it in a large cage as an object of interest to his clients. As the quail is a bird not given to

A BARKING SCARFPIN.

Startling Effect Produced in a Club by a New Invention. New York Times.]

A member of one of the uptown clubs caused something of a sensation in the smoking room of his club a few nights ago. As he joined a group of gentlemen it was noticed that he wore a unique pin in his scarf. It was a large dog's head made of oxidized silver. Its eyes were tiny diamonds and its mouth was red enamel. While the wearer's friends were looking at the pin and commenting upon it the red mouth of the silver dog opened and a succession of sharp barks issued therefrom.

The effect was startling at first, but as the barking continued several members of the club pressed about the owner of the pin, curious to examine "the new trick." The wearer of the decoration, after enjoying the sensation that he had created for awhile, unbuttoned his waistcoat and disclosed a long rubber tube attached to the pin on the under side of the scarf. The tube extended down into one of the pockets of the gentleman's trousers, terminating in a rubber bulb. By repeatedly pinching the bulb the wearer of the pin was able to cause the sounds to issue from the dog's mouth. Thus does the Yankee mind triumph again.

WHAT THEY SIGHED FOR.

A Liberal Christian Was a Very Desirable Quantity With the Church.

Mrs. De Gadd-That new neighbor of yours don't go to any particular church as I can He's an atheist, ain't he? Mrs. De Gabb-Not so bad as that, I as

sure you. He is what is called a Liberal Christian.

Mrs. De Gadd—Well, I'm glad to hear that, and I'll eatl on him this very day.

Our church is awfully in need of a new organ and a new bell, and we min't got half enough to pay the preacher yet. Liberal christians is what we're sighin' for in this

A Bit of Philosophy. Saratogian. 1

Practice saying the right thing at the right time. Say the wrong thing when-ever you will, only try and say it to your-

The Liar That is Needed. Atchison Globe.]

The man who can tell a lie ten times without changing it is the sort of a man the world needs to tell the truth.

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SICK HEADACHE_Carter's Little Liver Pine

CHATS ABOUT TRADE.

Confidence Shown in the Willingness of People to Help Each Other.

REALTY AS A SOURCE OF CREDIT.

Property So Highly Prized That it Cannot be Had for Love or Money. REPORT DENIED AT READQUARTERS

While it is true that "no man liveth to himself," it is equally clear that no one does business to himself. The activities of life are so intimately associated that the impairment of one affects all. It is encouraging, therefore, to know that local financiers have generously come to the assistance of a great interest in temporary pecuniary straits. Pittsburg capitalists are always ready to help the deserving; and thus standing by each other "through thick and thin," they are enabled to weather storms which otherwise would carry them down. In union there is strength,

A Vanishing Sign. In answer to an inquiry about the renting season and the demand for houses, yesterday, J. B. Larkin, of J. B. Larkin & Co., developed a newidea, in which there is much foed for

thought. He said: "To Let' is getting to be a rare term, and you will notice that the number of such signs is growing less each year. Poople move about ess, and when they do move they buy their own mes. They reason that if property investment is good for one class of people it is also good for another, and they buy instead of rent. It does not follow, however, that people do not move. They do to almost as great an extent as formerly, yet there are a large number who buy one year and sell the next and then buy again. ome sell and buy for the money there is in it: some for a change of neighborhood, while others are moved by business considerations. 'For Sale' has taken the place of "To Let' very largely, and you have it verified every day by someone looking for a new home who has just sold the old one, and would not rent at any

People are becoming thrifty as the communi-"People are becoming thrifty as the community grows older, and more prosperous and they are beginning to realize that real estate brings credit and exerts an influence that can be had in no other way. Its possession makes a man a good citizen; he becomes responsible for his own acts, and has an interest in the advancement and well being of his neighbors and of the community. One piece of property stimulates him to acquire another, and so on until he finally takes a pride in public matters. The feeling that every man should own his own home, at least, is growing very fast and as it grows and advances to lets' are retired."

Still on the String.

It was mentioned in this column some time ago that Joseph Horne & Co. were dickering for the Demmler property on Sixth avenue, between Stevenson's and the Duquesne Club House. It was reported on the street yesterday that the deal had been made at about \$2,250 foot front. One of the Messrs, Demmler was asked for particulars, but instead of giving them he said that the property had not been stone and nor even talked about for a month. It is true, however, that Messrs, Horne & Co. have made an offer for it, but whether or not it will be accepted is further along.

Better Than Money.

Some people have an idea that money will buy anything. In a talk yesterday with a prominent real estate man on this subject he said: "The idea that the almighty dollar is the open sesame to everything in the world is a mistake. I thought so in early life, but find pieces of property that cannot be bought at any price. True, you may be able to buy just as nice and as available property in other sections of the city, but it is a fact, nevertheless, that there are thousands of people who, when offered even fancy prices, say: 'If it is worth that to Mr. Brown it is worth equally as much of a family willing to another, and so on from

of a family willing to another, and so on from generation to generation.

"There is something singular," continued the gentleman, "about this class of property, and people seem to be attracted to it. Whether it is because they know it cannot be bought, or from some other unknown reason, I can't tell, but I know of several cases where I have had offers on property that was not in the market and could not be purchased at any price, while just as good property could be had for much less money than that offered—an exemplification, I suppose, of the old saying: "We are always wanting something that we can't get."

A Popular Locality. It is said there is not a vacant lot on Meyran venue. Atwood street lots are scarce and high, while those on Oakland avenue are held at more than \$100 a front foot. Oakland seems at more than the to be a favored spot.

A South Highland Deal.

A prominent down-town business man, who is too modest to give his name to the public, has bought one of Dr. Hoffman's South High long fights, the question is, where did it land residences at a figure approximating 514,000. He will occupy it about March I. The deal was concluded yesterday afternoon.

Only Two Things Needed. If East Liberty had a couple of first-class hotels and a theater it would make a pretty well equipped city. It has about absorbed the annlation of the old city, and the crowds that throng Frankstown and Penn avenues are second only to those on Fifth avenue and Smith-field street. There are many people out there who do not visit down-town once in a year. They believe in protecting home industry, and practice what they preach.

Business News and Gossip. The man or woman who invests money in real estate need have no fear of burglars. At a meeting of members of the Exchange yesterday, James S. McKelvy (incumbent) was nominated for President, W. W. Chaplin for Secretary, and J. B. Barbour, Jr., for Treasurer. The election will be held Friday next

Straub & Morris have sold. five more lots in Millvale Terrace plan, making 211 in all.

The most important mortgage on file yesterday was for \$6,000. The list was small, numbering only 16. It is understood that a lot in Lloyd Circle. fronting 60 feet on Dithridge street by 172, has

fronting 60 feet on Dithridge street by 172, has been sold for \$25 a foot front to a prominent attorney. Baxter, Thompson & Co., to whom the deal is attributed, would neither deny nor affirm the report.

Pittsburg national banks, according to the published statements, hold \$178,931 in excess of the 35 per cent rule, as required by law, or 25.57 per cent of net deposits.

Dealers in holiday goods continue to express surprise at the magnitude of the trade this season. Nothing could better show the prosperity of the city.

Real estate agents are pursuing the usual course in sending notices to tenants. A notice to vacate does not necessarily mean what it says. A majority of the leases will be renewed.

The Building Record.

The past week was the worst one of the year for the building trades, only six permits being issued—one in each of the following wards: Fourteenth, Thirteenth, Eighteenth, Nineteenth, Twenty-second and Thirty-fifth. The otal cost of all was \$21,450. The number of permits issued the previous

week was 15, representing 24 buildings, the estimated cost being \$26,500. Two more were taken out yesterday, one by Elizabeth M. Yeder for a stone three-story dwelling, 45x48 feet, on Murrayhill avenue, Twenty-second ward, to cost \$15,000, and the other by I. N. Engle, for a frame two-story dwelling, 19x22 feet, on Webster avenue, Thirteenth ward, to cost \$500.

Movements in Realty.

Brown & Saint sold, through the agency of Baxter, Thompson & Co., lots Nos. 100 and 158, Bank of Commerce addition plan, Brushton, senge each 50x130 feet, or Brushton avenue, sear Bennett street, for \$2.100. Black & Baird sold for Dr. Huffman, Mc-Keesport, a new Queen Anne dwelling, on south Highland avenue, with lot 55x100 feet, for \$12 200.

M. F. Hipple & Co. sold to P. Tress a handsome new Queen Anne style 12-roomed brick dwelling, with lot 50x120 feet, situate on the West side of South Hiland avenue, near Walnut street, Twentieth ward, for \$12 200.

J. E. Glass & Co. sold for A. C. Watkins to I. H. Avon lots Nos. 24, 25, 20, 27, 82, 83, 84 and 85 in Alliquippa Place, Thirteenth ward, for \$2,300.

Improvement in Electric.

BANK STOCKS.

NATURAL GAS STOCKS.

eople's Nat. Gasand Pipeage Co..... 7

PASSENGER BAILWAY STOCKS.

BAILBOAD STOCKS.

MINING STOCKS.

MLECTRIC LIGHT STOCKS.

MISCRILLANBOUS STOCKS.

MONEY MARKET.

Continues-Nothing Pinched.

769. Sterling exchange quiet and steady at \$4 79 for 60 days' bills and \$4 83 for demand. The weekly statement of the New York banks, issued yesterday, shows the following changes: Reserve, increase, \$3,232,275; loans, decrease, \$1,056,200; specie, increase, \$8,335,600; legal tenders, increase, \$232,000; deposits, in-crease, \$1,722,300; circulation, increase, \$9,900. Amount above legal requirements, \$7,724,300.

Closing Bond Quotations.

Bank Clearings.

CHICAGO-Clearings for the week, \$66 003 004

against \$59,069,113 for the corresponding week last year. Clearings for the day, \$11,216,000.

St. Louis-Glearings, \$3,246,428; balances.

\$429,141. For this week-Clearings, \$17,908,535;

balances, \$2,006,715. For last week-Clearings,

87, and balances \$8,837,740.
BALTIMORE—Bank clearings to-day, \$1,721,-65; balances, \$270,895. Money, 6 per cent.

THE WEEK IN OIL.

The Upward Movement Maintained, While

Trading Shows a Handsome Increase.

There was a moderate business in oil during

showing an advancing tendency from the start.

The close was 1% cents better than the opening. Clearings for the five days were 108,000 barrels,

against 52,000 the previous week of six days, There were several bullish features in active

operation, which toned up the market and en-

couraged the "boys." One was the expectation

that the producers will soon find a way to es-

cape from the clutches of the Standard, and

another was the stagnation in field work as a result of the snow storm. Fluctuations for the day and week are appended:

A broker remarked: "I think the producers' movement will be a go, A few are slow about joining it, but I think they will eventually come in. The necessity for the action proposed is so apparent, that I cannot see how any man can hang back. If the movement fails we will have to quit the business. The Standard will grind us to powder."

mcGrew, Wilson & Co. quote puts 691/2691;

NEW YORK STOCKS.

The Commercial Situation Improving, as

Shown by Another Good Bank State-

ment-All Shares on the Upward

Turn-Bonds Are Active.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27,-The situation both in

Wall street and in the mercantile community is improving. In Wall street the crisis has

long been passed, and affairs have settled down

to an everyday condition. To-day another excellent bank statement, with an in-

crease of over \$3,000,000 in the surplus reserve, shows that money is again accumulating in New York, and after January disbursements have been made money is likely to loan ayvery low rates. The statement also sho wed a large gain in gold, which is a very encouraging sign.

Tuesday..... Wednesday..... Friday.....

week, while prices were well maintained,

Rates for money were firm at 7 per cent.

Pittsburg & Lake Erie

Celumbia Oli Co.....

Central Traction......

Westinghouse Air Brake Cas......

Average Business and no Surprises-Slight Business in local stocks was up to the average the past week and while values were away age the past week and while values were away down, in the language of the street, they exhibited considerable tenacity in resisting further depression. Closing prices of yesterday, as compared with those of the previous Saturday, show slight gains to be in the majority. Total sales for the week were 1,43 shares

against 1,180 the previous week.

Electric was the only thing handled yesterday. One hundred shares b, o, 30, brought 13% and 25 regular 13%. This is a fractional improvement on the previous close, and was no doubt due to the assistance rendered the comdoubt due to the assistance rendered the com-pany by local banks.

It is pure fiction to assert that there is no market for local stocks. The speculator is al-ways abroad. The trouble is he is not quite ready to buy. After closing up his yearly ac-counts and finding out where he stands finan-cially, he will go into the market and make himself felt. Such securities as are repre-sented on the local Exchange will not long go a-harding.

itself, gave the market a strong tone, which lasted from the opening to the close.

The first sales were made at small fractional gains over last evening's figures, and while the narrowness and duliness were most pronounced, the active stocks, including St. Paul, Atchison, Union Pacific, Lake Shore, Lackawanna and Sugar, all showed considerable strength and rose further small fractions. Sugar was bought for the long account on romors of some good news to be made public in the near future, and it scored a handsome gain. Union Pacific was the most sluggish and failed to make any material advance. The dividend on the preferred stock helped Tennesses Coal up toward the close, and that stock also scored a material improvement.

The rest of the list, however, was almost entirely devoid of feature, and the market finally closed dull but firm at about the best prices of the day. The final changes are all in the direction of higher figures, and Sugar shows a gain of 2% and Tennessee Coal 1 per cent. The Railroad bonds were comparatively scitive, the sales of all issues reaching \$531,000 for the two hours, and out of that amount the Atchison incomes furnished \$97,000. The tone of the dealings was strong, however, and most of the final changes are advances.

The Post says: The chief argument of the bears is the present and expected decrease of tonnage west of Chicago, owing to the shortage in the corn and wheat crops, and many persons are advancing this as an argument against the probability that the roads will join in the new Western agreement, or keep the spirit of their agreements if they do join. It is an open question whether this decrease of tonnage has not been wholly discounted in the prices of the Granger stocks. Thus far the Granger roads are earning the dividends they are paying, even with the present excessive competition.

The following table shows the prices of scitve tocks on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday. Corrected daily for The Disparch by Whitnery & Strephenson, oldest Pittsburg members of New Yo a-begging. It seems safe to assert that the lowest depth has been sounded, and that a very slight buy-ing demand would stir things up. It is reason-able to infer, therefore, that any change must be for the better.

Open- High- Low-OIL COMPANY STOCKS. Bid. Asked. Atch., ToD. & S. F. 2078
Canadian Pacific.
Canada Southern.
Canada Southern.
Canada Southern.
Centrai of New Jersey.
Centrai Pacific.
Cheapeake & Chio.
Chicago Gas Trust. 344
C. Bur. & Quiney. 878
C. Mil. & St. Paul. 45%
C. Mil. & St. Paul. 45%
C. Mil. & St. P. pf. 66%
C. St. F. M. & C. pf. 66%
C. St. F. M. & C. pf. 66%
C. St. F. M. & C. pf. 67
C. & N. W. Df. 68
C. & N. W. Df. 68
C. & C. & M. Df. 68
Ches. & Ohio 1st pref. 46%
Ches. & Ohio 1st pref. Bid. Asked. 6834 Bid. Asked. Consignes 20
La Noria Mining Co. 20
Luster Mining Co. 17% 20
Silverton Mining Co. 2 55 Bld. Asked. "*Ex dividend.
At New York yesterday the total sales of stocks were 60,383 shares, including: Atchison, 6,585; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 4,816; Lake Shore, 8,435; Lonisville and Nashville, 3,290; Northern Pacific, 1,880; St. Paul, 7,838; Union Pacific, 6,580. The Improvement Noted a Week Ago The local monetary situation the past week Pacific Mail...... 31% 51% was encouraging to borrowers as well as the general public, as showing that the stringency Pacific Mail. 31/2
Peo. Dec. & Evans. 30%
Polladel. & Reading. 30%
Pullman Palace Car. Richmond & W. P. 7 15%
Richmond & W. P. 7 15%
Richmond & W. P. 7 10%
St. Paul & Duluth 20
St. Paul & Duluth 50. 38
St. P. 31 inn. & Man. 30gar Trust. 65%
Texas Pacific. 65%
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Union Pacific. 61% had almost entirely disappeared. Regular cus-tomers were promptly accommodated, and con-siderable outside paper was discounted, but the doors have not been thrown wide open to the latter. The bank statements now being published show that these institutions are unusually strong.

Considering the weather and other draw-backs, the Clearing House report for the five days of the week is quite satisfactory. It reflects a large volume of business and a healthy condition of the leading industries. While the gross exchanges were below those of the pre-vious week the average was better.

fractional advantages. But while there has been no spirit in business and the tendency has seemed to be toward the stagnant indifference that is so apt to follow such experience as we have recently witnessed, yet there has been a perceptible improvement in the tone of the market. It passes for something that the banks are recovering their reserves; that they are returning their certificates to the

the banks are recovering their reserves; that they are returning their certificates to the Clearing House; that they are more disposed to lend on time and are discounting more freely; that failures are becoming much less frequent, and that generally we seem to be reaching the end of the unsettling immediate after-affects of the financial crisis and can see the way clear to a recovery of confidence in commercial circles. These are substantial gains in the situation. Of course, they are not sufficient of themselves to create any important buying movement in stocks; but they do go very far towards giving assurance that stocks, taken as a whole, have reached a solid and safe bottom, and present a good basis of investment to those able to buy them for more or less permanent holdings; and that class are steadily taking a certain amount of stocks out of the floating supply.

Time and certain conditions are necessary before anything like a spritted improvement of prices and activity can be expected. There must be a recovery of the cash resources necessary for speculation, which have been variously scattered and tied up by recent events; there must be a more certain feeling than at present exists about the general recovery of trade to a healthy and prosperous basis; there must be more light upon the prospects of financial legislation, in respect to which confidence is greatly disturbed by the proposed further infiation of the silver circulation and by the absence of any really sound measures for putting monetary and banking affairs upon a basis of soundness and stability. It is also necessary that there shall be some deliverance from the uncertainties growing out of the political situation, which is so perplexingly confused by the senseless issues into which a large-portion of our farmers have been misled. Moreover, there hangs over the country a marked probability that, within the next three years, the country may be started upon an important change of commercial policy which is a question involving more or less direct balances, \$2,006,715. For last week—Clearings, \$21,672,746; balances, \$2,334,018. For corresponding week last year—Clearings, \$16,633,407; balances, \$1,820,747.

New York—Bank clearings to-day, \$92,899,109; balances, \$4,191,893. For the week—Clearings, \$485,624,337; balances, \$23,058,594.

BOSTON—Bank clearings to-day, \$11,608,163; balances, \$1,566,037. Money \$6235 per cent. Exchange on New York par to be premium. For the week—Clearings, \$68,393,155; balances, \$7,765,547. For the corresponding week last year—Clearings, \$80,393,213; balances, \$6,666,465.

PHILADELPHIA—Bank clearings to-day, \$10,235,813; balances, \$1,539,537. Money 6 per cent. For the week the clearings were \$56,120,-637, and balances \$8,337,740.

BALTIMORE—Bank clearings to-day, \$1,721,interest, whether industrial, mercantile or financial, and which, considering the differences of opinion on the question, must produce a good deal of ferment and hesitation of enterprise. It is also a matter upon which an important class of people will wait for future light, as to whether the New York banks are likely to remain subject to the severe periodic monetary drains which have become an increasingly disturbing element for the last three years, and which are disqualifying the banks from adequately meeting large local requirements. In short, the impression is becoming quite general that the enterprise of the country is gaining at a rate much more rapid than the financial facilities upon which it is dependent; and this impression is calculated to promote caution in all undertakings requiring large credit support. Indeed, it is one peculiarity of the future of the stock

market that it will have to deal not only with the later effects of the crisis and with an uncertain situation in the great railroad interest, but that we are entering upon an area which will require some considerable experimenting in the way of extending and improving the instrumentalities for transacting business; and this probability is confirmed by the fact that the late crisis, if not largely caused by, was certainly much aggravated through the imperfection of such arrangements. In view of so many important contingencies affecting the future, it seems reasonable to anticipate that speculation may have to encounter many influences of an unusual character; it is not impossible, however, that those influences may prove the occasion of wide fluctuations in stocks, and therefore a stimulus to activity on the Stock Exchange, the more so as such a state of things would be calculated to enlist long heads and long purses.

The considerations above mentioned mainly relate to the future of the market; some, however, are already beginning to affect the present, especially those connected with current legislation. The immediate course of business will be chiefly dependent on the investment demand usually incident to the opening of the year. Ordinarily, the effect of that demand is anticipated, so that when it actually comes prices are little affected. This year, however, there has not been the usual prospective buying; and as it is estimated that about \$120,000,000 will be disbursed early in January in interest and dividends, much of which will be reinvested, it seems reasonable to expect a firmer feeling and some recovery in prices early next month.

Money is comparatively easy to "call" borrowers; but the rates on time loans remain too high to admit of any important transactions. The banks lost during the week about \$1,000,000 on the interior currency movement, most of which went to New Orleans. The week's exchanges of the hanks with the auth-Trassur.

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WALL STREET GOSSIP.

The Public Without an Appetite for Stocks Favorable Bank Statement Speculators do not appear to have plain sail ing. Their difficulties are pointed out in the following telegraphic letter to John M. Oakley

& Co.t The bank statement was expected to be good The bank statement was expected to be good and as a few shorts had been put out during the week a small covering movement put the market up fractionally. When it came out, notwithstanding its figures were fully as favorable as anticipated, the market really was lower than immediately before its appearance. It is not a question of bank statementa. The public are utterly without an appetite for stocks, and we do not quite see what is now to wet it. The gold imports, Treasury bond purchases, possibility of borrowing a little time money, plenty of low rate call money, the railway agreement, increased Vanderbilt dividends, large January payments, etc., were all relied upon by bulls as a good tonic. They have doubtless operated to preventa serious decline, but they are not atimulating. Stocks are closely held and well protected, but the outlook for diminished railway traffic the coming year, great uncertainty as to the operations of the silver and tariff laws, and of new legislation, are bearish factors.

Beside this, we have the opinion of several very able lawyers that the new railway agreement is illegal, and we believe it will be contested. The railways will no doubt chance it; they did this in Michigan on the 2-cent maximum rate bill, but the Supreme Court of that State has just affirmed the validity of the law. The beat railway authorities we know contend that there will be no satisfactory solution of and as a few shorts had been put out during

Philadelphia Stocks.

The best railway authorities we know contend that there will be no satisfactory solution of the problem until pooling is allowed under the inter-State Commerce act, and the supervision

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Pennsylvania Raffrosd	4934	4944
Heading	15 7-16	1556
Buffalo, New York and Philadelphia	7%	736
Lenigh Valley	18%	48%
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during which the price fell to 86% in a few minutes.

The downward impetus imparted to the market woke it completely from it previous somnolescent condition and there was a moderate degree of activity while prices retreated before the onslaught of the sellers until May was quoted at 96% 260% or about le per bushel below yesterdays closing price. There was only slight recovery toward the following continued of the previous weakness and the market closed 6% of rolly. July was maintained during the greater part of the session at a discount of about 6%26% cunder May.

The corn market was moderately steady, but fearfully and wonderfully dull until wheat began its tumbling, after which no one had any use for corn but as an article to be disposed of on the shortest possible notice and without any particular regard to the price attainable. The opening price for May was about ½ 6 improvement on the prices at the close of preceding sessions. The fluctuations were confined between 51% c and 51% c during the forenoon but when the break started the price quickly settled until it finally touched 50%. The closing price, 50% 255% c, shows a decline since Friday of about % o per bushel.

Oats were quiet and steady around 43% 344c for May until the last half hour, when Pardridge raided the market, causing a decline to 4% c. The trading was light and all on local account. The provision market started lower, apparently because there were rather more hogs than

The trading was light and all on local account. The provision market started lower, apparently because there were rather more hogs than had been looked for, and they were bringing lower prices at the yards. There was a steady feeling during the earlier hours of the session, but later decided weakness was the rule and prices made an easy descent, from which there was no subsequent change, weakness being the prevailing feeling at the close. The packers were free sellers of ribs. Closing prices were lower considerably than on Friday for all descriptions of products. Pork declined 20c to 22½c, lard 2½ to 5c, and ribs 10c to 12½c.

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wheat, 88½c; No. 3 spring wheat, 83@64c; No. 2 red, 91c; No. 2 corn, 47½c; No. 2 cars, 89½@40c; No. 2 red, 51c; No. 2 barley negainal; No. 1 flax seed, \$1 13@1 13½; prime timothy seed, \$1 19@1 120. Mess pork, per bbl. \$8 10@8 12½. Lard, per 100 lbs, \$5 70. Short rlb sides (loose). \$4 50@4 75; dry saited shoulders (boxed), \$4 25@4 35; short clear sides (boxed), \$5 15@5 25. Sugars unchanged. On the Produce Exchange to-day the butter market was steady. Eggs quiet at \$11@230.

LOCAL LIVE STOCK

Condition of Trade at the East Liberty Stock Yards.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURG DISPATCH, SATURDAY, Dec. 27. Cattle - Receipts, 300 head; shipments, 829 head; market—nothing doing; all through con signments; all roads reported open. One car of

cattle shipped to New York to-day. Hogs-Receipts, 800 head; shipm head; market firm: Philadelphias, 83 75@3 80; mixed, \$3 70@3 75; heavy Yorkers, \$3 65@3 70; light Yorkers, \$3 50@3 60; pigs, \$2 75@8 25; 16 cars of hoe's shipped to New York to-day. Sheep—Receipts, 1,600 head; shipments, 1,600 head; market slow at unchanged prices.

Price of Bar Silver. PEPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATOR. NEW YORK, Dec. 27.-Bar silver-London 736d; New York, \$1 0234.

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

-Two lives were lost, seven dwellings were wrecked and a number of persons were injured in a boiler explosion at Cincinnati yesterday. -Dr. Kelso, of Paxton, Ill., was assaulted by masked men and robbed of more than \$5,200 last week. The physician's condition is criti-cal. No clew to the robbers.

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—A remarkable conspiracy to murder District Judge Russell, of Corpus Christi, Tex., has been nipped in the bud by indictments being returned against 12 men by the grand jury.

—Dr. O. A. F. Henry, a reputable physician Wingate, Ind., has invented a simple method of curing consumption, which has produced the results claimed in a series of six experiments. The preparation used is any of the modern artistic disinfectants of germicide agents except toxic substance or noxious gases.

HANGED FOR HIS MONEY. Narrow Escape of a Gold Prospector Who is Now a Millionaire.

Chicago Tribune.] "You wouldn't think that man was worth several millions, would you?" said Will Cunningham of the Palmer House, pointing to a man apparently about 38 years old, who had just inquired where he could find a bird store.

The man pointed out was one whom women would term handsome. He had a

well-cared-for mustache, was 6 feet 2, broad-shouldered, straight as an Iudian, regular features, dark complexioned, and bright, hazel eyes. But he did not look like a millionaire, and anyone to see him in his plain, but neat-fitting, business suit, were it not for the three-karat diamond he wore in his shirt front, would take him for the superintendent of a mine instead of the owner of one of the richest claims in Arizona.

The visitor's name is Napoleon Bonaparte Lazard and his bonanza is at Tombstone, Arizona, Mr. Lazard has had many re-markable and thrilling experiences, and markable and thrilling experiences, and
the difficulty he had in guarding his claim,
which he secured years ago during the gold
excitement, would make an interesting
narrative. A daring and unscrupulous
crowd of miners during the excitement,
learning the value of Mr. Lazard's claim, attempted to deprive him of it, and because he was not timid enough to be frightened off by threats resorted to more radical

One night when he was sleeping in his tent on his claim 300 angry miners dragged him out and strung him up to a tree. He was lowered several times and asked if he would not depart from the country. He refused, and was again strung up. Four or five resolute fellows in the party so admired the young man's bravery that one of them stepped up to the tree and severed the rope with a huge bowie knife. Then, with drawn revolvers, they threatened to shoot the first man who interfered. Lazard was carried back to his tent, and his new friends, while working their own claims, took good care that Lazard was not again molested.

More Than Sufficient Cause

Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.] Judge-What cause do you set up why a divorce should be granted this man? Lawyer-Your Honor, his wife insists that he shall wear the nectic she presented him Christmas, Judge-Mr. Clerk, enter a decree for plaintiff.

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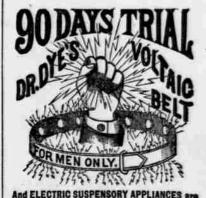
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It was my intention to go East this week, but the comments of my detractors, (sub voce) having reached me, has satisfied me that it is necessary to reiterate my former statements in reference to my discourses and actions regard-ing this matter.

reference to my discourses and actions regarding this matter.

To such as comment and make adverse remarks I would advise the study of the terse sentance of the "Bard of Avon," "Give Thy Thoughts no Tongue,"

I am utterly indifferent to their views on the subject, or in fact the views of any one, and I am justified in saying that, because I am thankful for the small mercles left me.

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First.—Untrue statements and unfair treatment put me out of four places of business sere, after I had built up a first-class practice need, alter I had built up a first-class practice in each.

Second—I was publicly exposed and denounced in every local newspaper, and sworn statements were made in court, but they failed to convict me; for stealing a horse (a patient), for cruelty to animals and for practicing without a diploma, although they brought a horse dealer, all his men and four veterinary surgeons and a half (graduates of colleges), except the half.

Third—I was publicly exposed and accused of "stealing the funds of the horse ambulance service established by me, which is still in

Fifth—I was exposed in a letter written by Fifth—I was exposed in a letter written by one of the most prominent citizens of Pittaburg, to a large firm in this city, clients of mine, as a "fraud," and "adventurer," and no veterinary surgeon. (By the way, this fellow spells horses, "hosses.")

Another statement in a letter, denounces me as no "gentleman, but a liar."

Another says, "refuses to consult with a man of Wall's 'calibre."

Another letter says, "I shall have a circular printed telling them that you are no graduate, but a would-be doctor."

Speaking of letters, a copy of the one from the old country about me, that a doctor shows to his clients and friends, would be very interesting.

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to his clients and friends, would be very interesting.

Seventh—I was publicly denounced "as a scamp, a rogue, and a vagabond," and threatened with the "pentientiary" for conspiracy to defraud. This accusation was made before a large number of people by one of the prominent citizens of Pittsburg, and has been very boildly repeated again and again from that source, and please note, critics, we are attending to that individual.

Lastly—I am thrown out of my fifth place of business in "the Diamond" by the unjust accusations of such people.

This is the "last straw which broke the came!" stock," and I will prove to the satisfaction of any of my commentators that the loss of it was \$750 a year clean out of my pocket, beside the valuation I put upon it as a business venture. Yet people ask still: What is the "Doctor" so sore on these fellows for? My answers: After the insuits, abuses and indignities which have been perpetrated upon me during my residence here, so small a matter as adverse opinions on the subject fail to interest me, and anybody can take a hand in this that feels like it.

The above record is a pretty decent one, and one to be proud of; all accomplished, too, in the four years that I have been in business here.

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in this paper, on the same page, he will be sur-prised and astonished; for just as this, like the old year, winds up my "vices and my crimes," with a polite how to my detractors, so the new year will show you the virtues which I am supyear will show you the virtues which I am sup-posed to possess, and the honors that have been conferred upon me in my business during the 30 years I have been in practice. Say! stick another pin in here, please, and right tight, too. If you will cut this out, and also the testi-monfuls I will present you with every Sunday next year, I will do this for you: I will give you \$100 to present to any charitable institution in the two cities, if you can find any living man in my business who can "bester them" or prove one of them wrong in any particular, or even prove one of the above vile statements to be even justifiable.

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